THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. USHA SINGH) (a) No, Sir.

(b) The existing Recruitment, Promotion & Seniority Rules had been circulated at the draft stage amongst the Officers' Association and Unions. The comments/reactions received in response thereto were kept in view while finalising and notifying these Rules, with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

(c) The existing rules which were notified on 4.3.1985 take care of overall benefits of the employees of ITDC. In keeping with the instructions issued by the Government on the subject from time to time, the rules are/will be amended as and when required

Benefits to farmers due to declaration of coconut as oilseed

1115 SHRI M.A. BABY. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether coconut have been declared as oil-seed;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the benefits to be received by the coconut-growers due to this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No notification has been issued. We have informed all the State Governments and U Ts and other concerned agencies vide Department's letter No 14-21/87-CA I (HA) dated 15-10-90, about the decisions of the Union Government to declare coconut as an oil seed of tree origin.

(c) During the current year no additional benefits will accrue to the coconut growers on account of it being declared as an oil seed. However, the programmes taken up for development of coconut by the Coconut Development Board during 1990-91 are detailed in the Annexure-[*See* Appendix CLVI Annexure No. 28]

Allotment of special quota of rice etc. to Kerala

1116 SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any special quota of rice, sugar and palm oil for Kerala considering the Christmas season, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN). (a) and (b) No specific additional allocations of rice and sugar have been made STC has supplied one rake of palmolein to Kerala Government in December, 1990.

Allotment of rice to Kerala

1117 SHRI M A BABY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state·

(a) what is the present rice allocation for Kerala; and

(b) the details of the rice allotted to Kerala from November, 1989 to November, 1990 month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN)· (a) The allocation of rice to Kerala for the month of January, 1991 is 1,42,500 tonnes.

The month-wise allocation of rice to Kerala from November, 1989 to November, 1990 has been as follows:-

(In lakh tonnes)

November, 1989	1.25
December, 1989	1.00
January, 1990	1.00
February, 1990	1 25
March, 1990	1.25
April, 1990	1.25
May, 1990	1.25
June, 1990	1.25
July, 1990	1.35
August, 1990	1.55
September, 1990	1.35
October, 1990	1.45@
November, 1990	1.45@

@including ad-hoc allocation of 10,000 tonnes for festival season.

Rehabilitation plans for units of HFC

1118. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had rejected the Rs. 600 crores rehabilitation plans for 3 units of the public sector HFC Limited;

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor,

(c) whether Government had asked to reduce the plan; and

(d) if so, to what extent; and whether Government propose to review the HFC units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH): (a) to (d) As recommended by the consultants, Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation had submitted a plan for revamping the operating units of HFC (except Namrup-III) at estimated cost of Rs 486 crores, which was updated to Rs. 604 crores in February, 1990 This has not been rejected; however, in view of the high investment involved constraint of resources, and the fact that technologically the plants cannot be upgraded, Government asked HFC for alternative plans involving reduced outlay No final decision has been taken on the various proposals.

Setting up of fertilizers plant by USSR

1119 SHRI SURESH PACHOURI. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Soviet Union has shown its keen interest in setting up of fertilizers plants in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the cities where these plants would be set up, and

(d) what would be the total expenditure involved in each plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Concessions and grants to farmers

1120. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether any concessions or grants were offered by Government at Sisauli in Uttar Pradesh in second week of December, 1990 which would place the burden of Rs 100 crores on Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such concessions would also be made available to farmer in other parts of the country; and

(c) whether the announcement for concession was made instantly or after a deliberate consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) No concessions were announced by the Central Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.